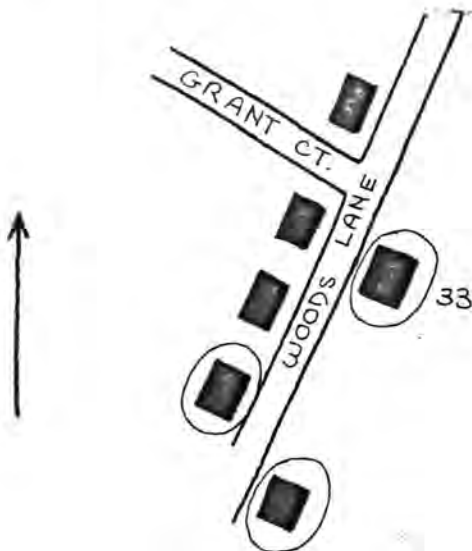


MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's
location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



Recorded by Margaret Welden
Organization Ipswich Historical Comm.
Date October 1978

Assessor's lot # 13-H

Town Ipswich

Address 7 Woods Lane

Historic Name Merrifield House
"Rosebank"

Use: Original residential

Present residential

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Francis Merrifield

Present owner: Vivian Endicott

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1792

Source Waters I

Style Third Period (Federal)

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard/shingle
ends

Outbuildings shed

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 1.4 acres

Setting residential

UTM REFERENCES: 19/349960/4726380

(Staple additional sheets here)

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The Merrifield House is a 2½ story end gable house with off-center chimney. It is nearly square in plan with each elevation being 3 bays wide.

The house contains some excellent Federal features, including a diminutive beaded summer beam and a mantel. Merrifield had 13 children, which may account for the many rambling additions to "Rosebank". A large cooking fireplace and oven upstairs is another suggestion of a large family. It is a significant example of a Federal period house which has been expanded through the years to meet changing needs.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The Merrifield House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship and associations with Ipswich's early development. Francis Merrifield, Jr., bought this lot in 1792 and built the present dwelling (155:108).

Merrifield was a veteran of the French and Indian War and served as a lieutenant in Capt. Nathaniel Wade's Co. during the Revolutionary War. He fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill and commented, "When they got so near we could fairly see them, they looked too handsome to be fired at, but we had to do it." Merrifield was a Deacon in the South Church as well.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

T. F. Waters, Ipswich in the Mass. Bay Colony, vol. I, p. 486, vol. II, pp. 190, 317, 323, 479.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheets

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 1500

Quadrangle name Ipswich

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 199 348 420 472 837 0
Zone Easting Northing

B 19 350 750 472 779 0
Zone Easting Northing

C 19 350 320 472 610 0

D 19 349 460 472 535 0

E 19 348 920 472 541 0

F 19 348 100 472 724 0

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheets and attached maps

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator with Edward Zimmer
(Ipswich Historical Commission)

organization Massachusetts Historical Comm. date April 1980

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state Massachusetts

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☒ national ☒ state ☐ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Peter L. Weslowski 6/24/80

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

For HCPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date 9/17/80

Attest: Peter L. Weslowski

date 1/15/80

Chief of Registration

Property

Dennis Village, Ipswich, Massachusetts
Multiple Resource Area (partial inventory)

State

MA, Essex

Working Number

7/1/80/1746

TECHNICALPhotos 32Maps 1, 19**CONTROL**

This is an excellent multiple resource nomination - the surveyed area covers the historic Ipswich Village. The nomination includes four districts and an individual properties. The districts are logically drawn and show the development over time of the village. The nomination includes an incredible number of 17th and 18th cent. buildings and some 19th cent. buildings. There are no intrusions - 1500 acres. The nomination form closely follows the requirements for mult. res. nominations spelled out in the "How to"

HISTORIANaccept
Patrick Anderson
9/15/80**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN****ARCHEOLOGIST****OTHER****HAER**

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**BRANCH CHIEF****KEEPER**

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

2.3.81

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

Entered SEP 17 1980



7 Wood's Ln.
Roll 10
Neg. 25

JUL 1 1980

Merrifield House ("Rosebank")
CENTRAL VILLAGE IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS
— MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA/ESSEX CO. MA —

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000276